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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, CY

SUBJECT: SEK CONSTITUENT UNIONS DECIDE ON MICHAEL IOANNOU

AS NEXT SECRETARY- GENERAL

BEIRUT FOR LABATT

1. TRIENNIAL CYPRUS WORKERS CONFEDERATION ( SEK  
GENERAL CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS MAY 19.  
GENERAL SECRETARY PISSAS AND DEPUTY GEN SEC IOANNOU  
INFORM US THAT CONSTITUENT UNIONS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY  
AGREED ON IOANNOU AS NEXT GENERAL SECRETARY AND ANDREAS  
YIASSOUMIS, GENERAL SECRETARY OF SEMI- GOVT EMPLOYEES  
UNION, AS DEPUTY. PISSAS WILL BE RETURNING TO FOREIGN  
MINISTRY.

2. IOANNOU SAID THAT TWO REGIONAL SEK CONFERENCES --  
AS DISTINCT FROM CONSTITUENT UNION CONFERENCES WHICH ELECT  
REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL CONGRESS -- WERE FORCED TO CANCEL  
THEIR MEETINGS BECAUSE OF GRIVAS- MAKARIOS FACTIONALISM.  
PAPHOS DISTRICT COMMITTEE HAS STRONG PRO- GRIVAS ELEMENT  
WHICH SEK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FEARED WOULD PASS  
DIVISIVE, ANTI- MAKARIOS RESOLUTION IF ALLOWED TO MEET.  
FAMAGUSTA CONFERENCE WAS PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT YEAR BECUASE  
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OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DISTRICT SECRETARY CHRISTODOULIDES,  
A MODERATE, AND DEPUTY DIST SECT VASILIOU, MEMBER OF  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF GRIVASITE ESEA.

3. COMMENT: IOANNOU' S IMPENDING ELECTION AS HEAD OF  
SEK MARKS LARGE STEP FORWARD FOR CYPRUS TRADE UNIONISM,  
AND INCIDENTALLY FOR USG. IOANNOU HAS BEEN PILLAR OF  
ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH TO SEK DURING PISSAS' FOUR YEARS  
OF FLAMBOYANT, ERRATIC LEADERSHIP. AFTER HIS IV VISIT  
LAST SUMMER TO AMERICA, HE IS PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE WITH  
EMB AND RECEPTIVE TO OUR IDEAS.  
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